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SUBJ: 31ST UNGA: GENERAL DEBATE STATEMENT BY DUTCH FOREIGN

MINISTER VAN DER STOEL, SEPTEMBER 28

1. SUMMARY: NETHERLANDS FOREIGN MINISTER VAN DER STOEL
DELIVERED A TWO-SECTION SPEECH IN GENERAL DEBATE, SPEAKING
FIRST FOR THE NETHERLANDS AND THEN ON BEHALF OF EC-9.
NETHERLANDS PORTION EMPHASIZED DISARMAMENT AND NORTH/SOUTH
ISSUES. EC REMARKS REPEATED EC-9 POSITIONS ON VARIOUS ISSUES
WITH SPECIAL EMPHASIS ON TERRORISM. END SUMMARY

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2. NETHERLANDS STATEMENT: VAN DER STOEL NOTED THE "DETERIORATION" IN THE POLITICAL CLIMATE IN THE GA AND SOME UN SPECIALIZED AGENCIES AND WARNED OF "DANGERS WHICH WOULD THREATEN UN IF COUNTRIES WHOSE SUPPORT IS INDISPENSABLE WERE TO BE ALIENATED FROM UN."

3. DISARMAMENT: DE DECRIED THE INCREASE IN NUCLEAR AND CONVENTIONAL ARMAMENT AND SAID 31ST UNGA SHOULD APPEAL TO US AND USSR TO REACH AN EARLY SALT-II AGREEMENT AND AGAIN CALL FOR COMPREHENSIVE TEST BAN AGREEMENT. HE URGED ALL COUNTRIES TO "EXERCISE RESTRAINT" ON NUCLEAR EXPORTS AND TO SUPPORT IAEA EFFORTS TOWARD PLUTONIUM MANAGEMENT ON A REGIONAL BASIS. VAN DER STOEL ALSO SUGGESTED THAT "IF A UN SPECIAL SESSION ON DISARMAMENT IS CONVENED," IT SHOULD GIVE HIGH PRIORITY TO MEASURES TO REGULATE AND CONTROL THE CONVENTIONAL ARMS TRADE.

4. NORTH/SOUTH ECONOMICS: HE EMPHASIZED NECESSITY TO "IMPLEMENT WHAT WAS PREVIOUSLY AGREED UPON," STATED GON "SHARES THE CONCERN AND FRUSTRATION OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES EXPRESSED AT COLOMBO," AND LABELLED AS "FIRST TEST CASE" THE UNCTAD NEGOTIATIONS ON AN INTEGRATED PROGRAM FOR COMMODITIES AND THE COMMON FUND. HE UNDERLINED THE IMPORTANCE OF RESTRUCTURING UN DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS, STRENGTHENING ECOSOC AND IMPROVING NEGOTIATING CAPACITY OF UNCTAD AND THE SECRETARIAT.

5. HUMAN RIGHTS: VAN DER STOEL CONDEMNED INSTITUTIONALIZED TORTURE, CITING UN REPORTS ON SOUTH AFRICA AND CHILE, AFFIRMED SUPPORT FOR THE PROPOSED CREATION OF A UN HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS, AND SUGGESTED "A STRONGER ROLE OF THE NON-GOVERNMENTAL ELEMENT IN THE UN."

6. EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES' STATEMENT:

NORTH/SOUTH: SPEAKING AS PRESIDENT OF EC COUNCIL VAN DER STOEL EMPHASIZED EC DESIRE TO PLAY CONSTRUCTIVE ROLE VIS-A-VIS DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. HE STRESSED THE "WILL OF THE NINE TO CARRY OUT THE COMMITMENTS WE UNDERTOOK AT SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION" AND TO "MAKE A SUCCESS OF THE PARIS DIALOGUE."

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7. AFRICA: HE TERMED THE ACCEPTANCE BY RHODESIA OF ANGLO-US PROPOSALS "A SIGNIFICANT STEP FORWARD", AND REPEATED THE NINE'S CONDEMNATION OF PARTHEID AND SUPPORT FOR INCLUSION OF SWAPO IN NAMIBIA NEGOTIATIONS. HE STATED THAT THE NINE DO NOT INTEND TO RECOGNIZE THE TRANSKEI, TERMING ITS ESTABLISHMENT A "FALSE SOLUTION."

8. MIDDLE EAST: VAN DER STOEL EXPRESSED HOPE THAT LEBANESE SITUATION WOULD IMPROVE AND EXTENDED GOOD WILL OF THE NINE TO PRESIDENT SARKIS. ON ARAB-ISRAELI SITUATION, HE REITERATED THE NINE'S "FIRM ATTACHMENT" TO PRINCIPLES OF SC RESOLUTIONS 242 AND 338 AND EMPHASIZED THAT SOLUTION OF MIDDLE EAST CONFLICT "WILL ONLY BE POSSIBLE IF THE LEGITIMATE RIGHT OF PALESTINIAN PEOPLE TO GIVE EFFECTIVE EXPRESSION OF ITS NATIONAL IDENTITY IS TRANSLATED INTO FACT."

9. EAST-WEST: HE SAID THE NINE SEEK IMPLEMENTATION OF CSCE FINAL ACT "IN ALL ITS INTERRELATED COMPONENT PARTS."

10. TERRORISM: FINAL PORTION OF VAN DER STOEL SPEECH SERVED AS INTRODUCTION TO NEXT SPEAKER FONMIN GENSCHER. VAN DER STOEL CHARACTERIZED THE TAKING OF HOSTAGES "AS ONE OF THE MOST HEINOUS CRIMES" AND EMPHASIZED THE "GROWING DANGER OF A WORLD-WIDE NETWORK OF PROFESSIONAL CRIMINAL TERRORISM." HE URGED THE GA TO TAKE POSITIVE ACTION ON THE FRG PROPOSAL.
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